

Wisconsin Food Stamp Program at a Glance

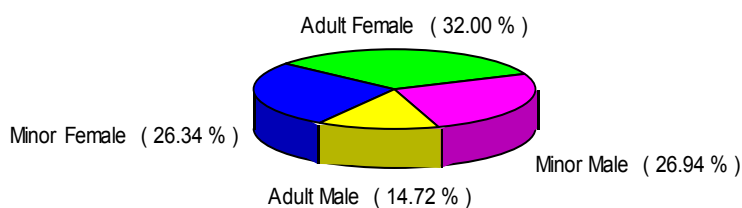
All data is for (or as of) the month of March, 2004¹

Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 6% of the 5.47 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average from 1998 - 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AG's)/Individuals:** 133,926 Assistance groups are made up of 328,337 individuals. The number of AG's continues to increase at a steady rate. There is an average of 2.5 people in an AG.

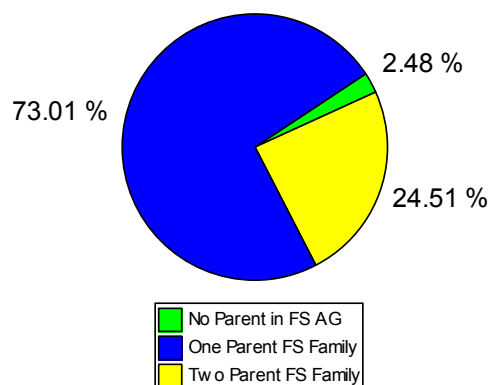
- **Gender:** 58% of the recipients are female and 42% are male.

Adult Status and Gender



- **Adults/Minors:** 47% are adults while 53% are minors. 60% of AG's have minors in them.

- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 73% have one parent in the AG, 24.5% have two parents, and 2.5% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological or adoptive parent.



- **Parents That Are Minors:** 1,082 minors in 1,098 FS AG's are parents. That's 1/3 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS.

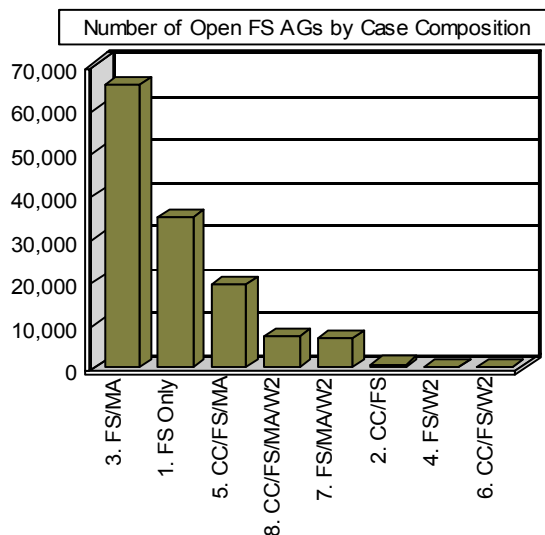
¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

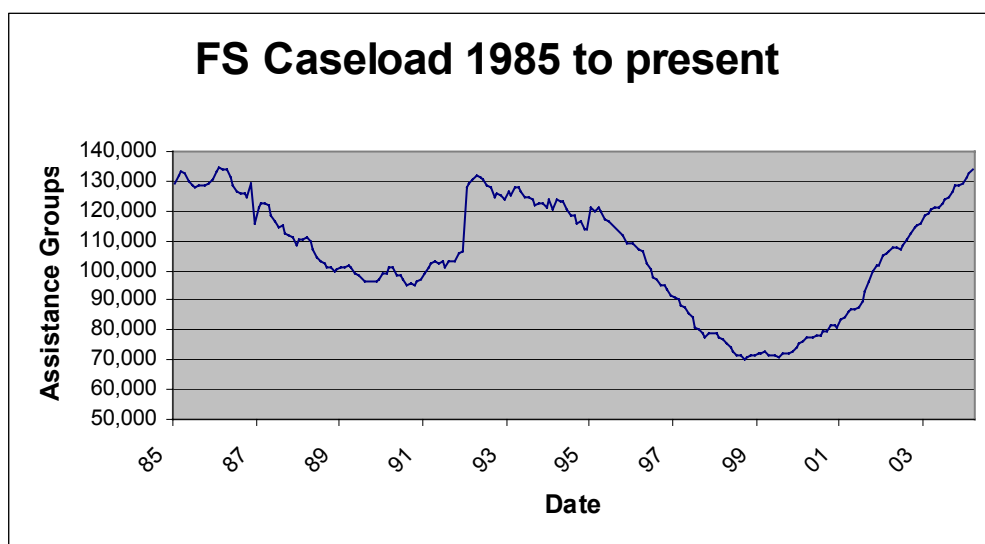
³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

- **Case Composition:** The table and graph shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.

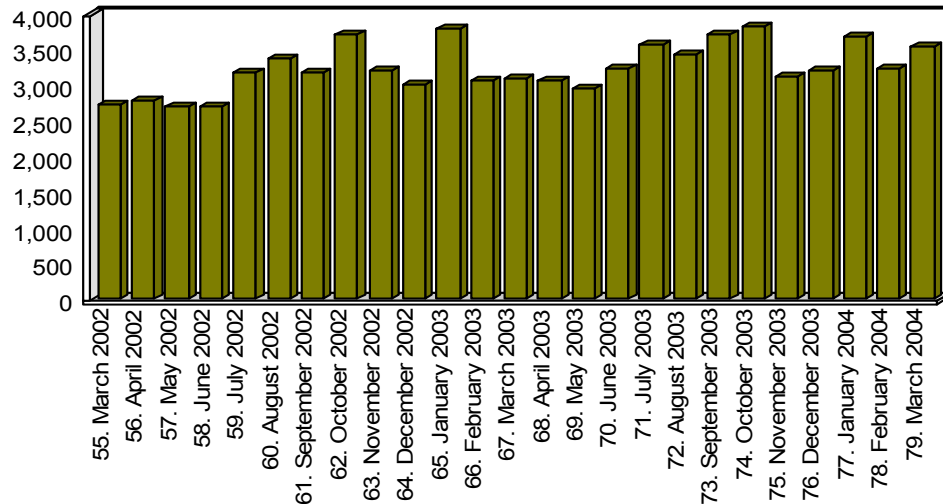
Prog Comb	
3. FS/MA	65310
1. FS Only	34748
5. CC/FS/MA	19029
8. CC/FS/MA/W2	7139
7. FS/MA/W2	6626
2. CC/FS	715
4. FS/W2	54
6. CC/FS/W2	42



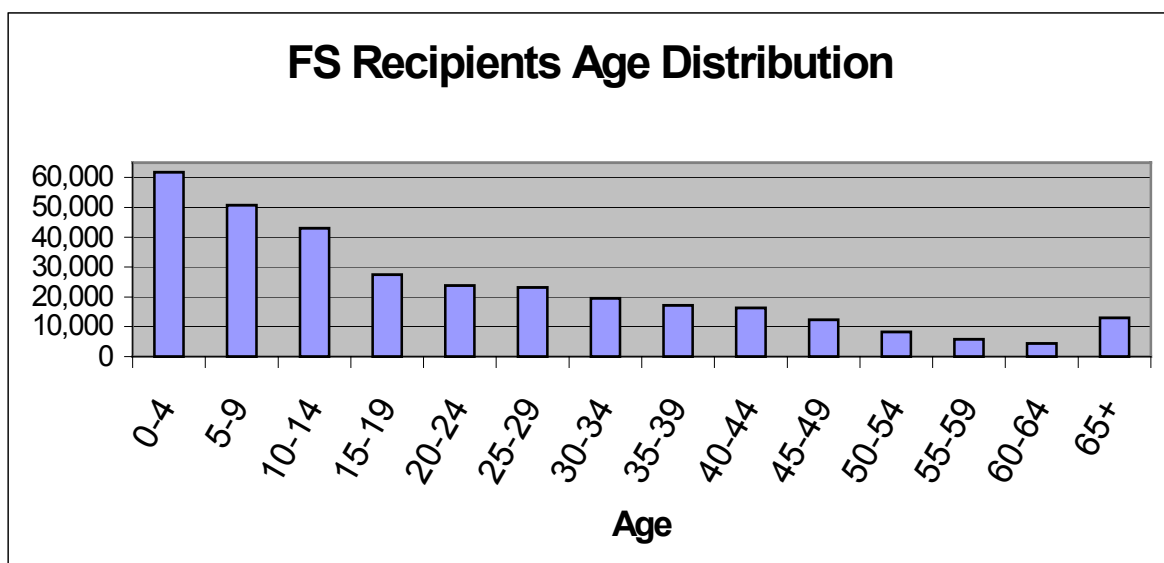
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload had been increasing at a steady rate since September of 1999 and continues to climb past 1992's participation peak.



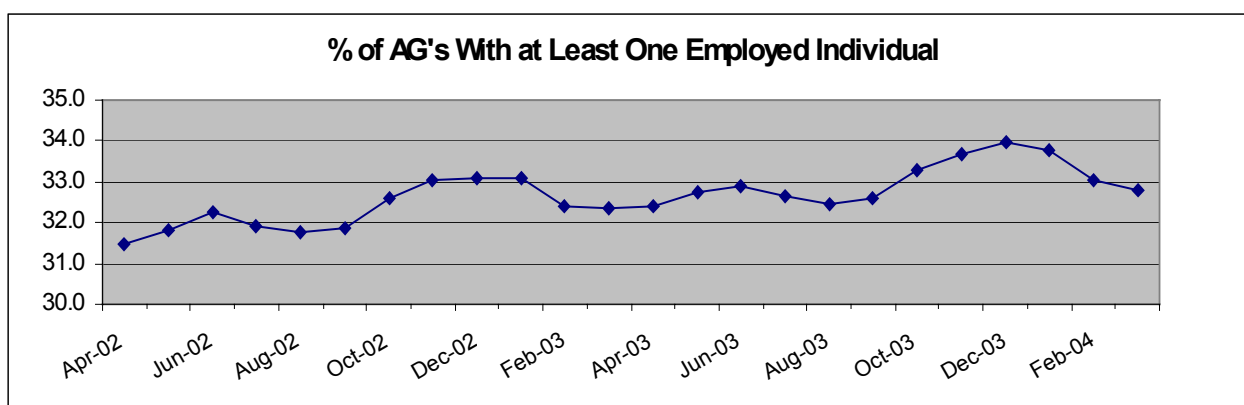
- First Time FS AG's:** This chart shows the number of first-time FS assistance groups over the last 2 years. Only AG's that have never received FS in Wisconsin before the month shown, appear in this chart. For March 2004, 3,531 FS AG's received FS for the first time.



- Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in 5 year increments. Children age 4 and under has the largest number for any five year grouping making up 19% of recipients. 51% of the recipients are 16 and younger.



- **Elderly/Disabled:** 16.4% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 39.8% of AG's contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled. The average allotment for AG's that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is little changed at \$103. However, 31% of the EBD caseload is receiving an allotment of \$0 to \$10.
- **Work/Earnings:** 32.8% of the AG's have at least one person working. The average monthly earned income of those AG's' is \$1023,⁴ a \$10 decrease from last month. 32.6% of adult FS recipients are employed, slightly more than last month. Currently, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 5.1%, down 1 tenth from last month.⁵



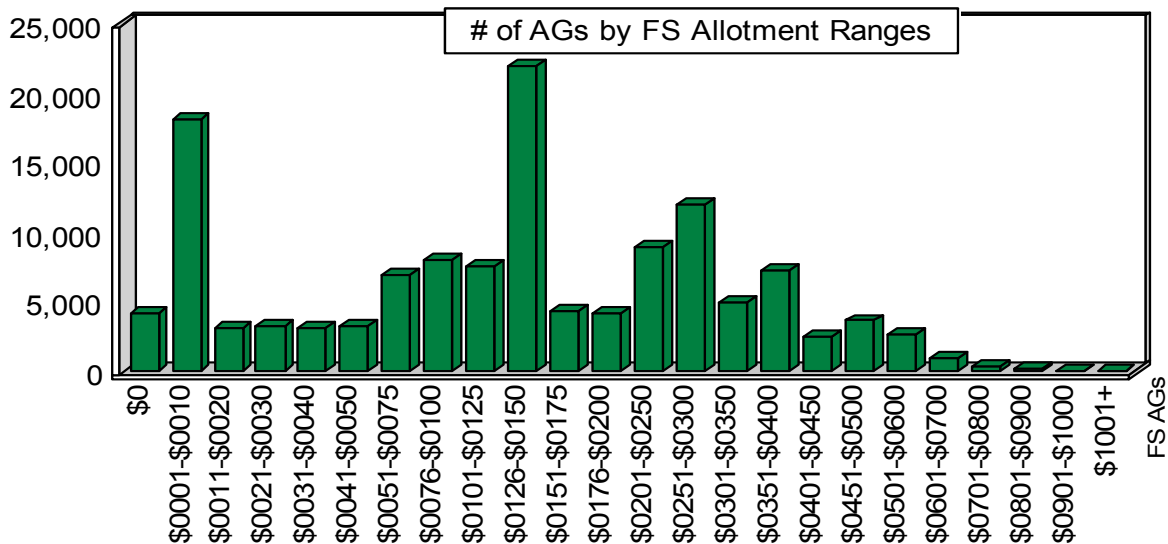
- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 27.5% of the statewide FS AG's, average 3.7 persons per AG, and average \$1,123 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.

Parent in FS AG	FS AGs	Unduplicated FS Recipients	AG Earned Income Amt	Avg. Earned Income per AG	AG Unearned Income Amt	Avg. Unearned Income per AG	FS Allotment Amt - FTM	Avg. Allotment per AG
One Parent FS Family	25,740	81,846	\$26,866,828.88	\$1,043.78	\$5,339,725.11	\$207.45	\$4,491,830.00	\$174.51
Two Parent FS Family	11,154	52,862	\$14,570,116.18	\$1,306.27	\$2,354,724.73	\$211.11	\$2,933,588.00	\$263.01
Sum:	36,894	134,708	\$41,436,945.06		\$7,694,449.84	Sum:	\$7,425,418.00	

⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility for the allotment amount.

⁵ Source: DWD Labor Market Information at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/lmi/employ_civilianlaborForce.htm

- **Allotments:** A total of \$22.8 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$170.



- **Statewide FS Allotments:** The graph below shows the total dollars in FS allotments spent on all FS AG's statewide for the past two years. There has been an increase each month since June of 2002. The total is nearing \$23 million.

